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1. WITHOUT MENTIONING FACT THAT [Greek Official-2] IS VISITING GERMANY, UTILITY INTRODUCED SUBJECT OF MERTENS DURING 8 FEB VISIT TO COS, AS BEARING ON FUTURE OF CAUSA. COVERED OLD GROUND SUCH AS MERTENS TIES WITH EAST, GREEK MISHANDLING OF CASE, ETC, BUT SAID UPHILL WAS STILL WORKING CLOSELY WITH [Greek Official-2] AND WOULD SHORTLY FINISH THOROUGH COMPILATION ALL KNOWN FACTS. ON [USG] REQUEST FOR THIS DOCUMENT, AS EXTREMELY USEFUL TO [USG] AND AMBASSADOR BRIGGS, UTILITY SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE IT. [USG] SAID IT MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL FOR US TO PUT CERTAIN OF THE INFO, WITH UPHILL PERMISSION, INTO APPROPRIATE GREEK CHANNELS WITHOUT GOING THROUGH [Greek Official-2]. UTILITY THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA.

2. UTILITY CITED RECENT [Greek Official-2] REQUEST THAT UPHILL ESTABLISH NEWSPAPER IN GREECE FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES WHICH UTILITY THOUGHT RIDICULOUS AND EXPENSIVE.

3. [USG] QUOTED [USG] OPINION THAT MERTENS CASE BY NO MEANS DEAD IN GREECE. UTILITY REPLIED IT STILL ACTIVE IN GERMANY

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